

minimum number shall be the same as that provided for by applicable United States federal law.

(c) The United States of America declares, pursuant to Articles 7 and 40, that under United States law, the offense set forth in Article 7 ("Computer-related forgery") includes a requirement of intent to defraud.

(d) The United States of America declares, pursuant to Articles 27 and 40, that requests made to the United States of America under paragraph 9(e) of Article 27 ("Procedures pertaining to mutual assistance requests in the absence of applicable international agreements") are to be addressed to its central authority for mutual assistance.

(2) The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is also subject to the following declaration:

The United States of America declares that, in view of its reservation pursuant to Article 41 of the Convention, current United States federal law fulfills the obligations of Chapter II of the Convention for the United States. Accordingly, the United States does not intend to enact new legislation to fulfill its obligations under Chapter II.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1516

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader, with concurrence of the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 235, S. 1516. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute be withdrawn, and the managers' amendment at the desk be agreed to as original text for the purposes of further amendment, the Harkin amendment at the desk be agreed to, and that the only other amendments in order be the following, the text of which is at the desk: McCain on rail security, Sununu on long distance trains, Sununu on competition, and Sessions on Amtrak debt.

I further ask that there be 1 hour equally divided on each of the amendments, and 1 hour of general debate on the bill, and that following the disposition of amendments and the use or yielding back of time, the managers' substitute as amended, if amended, be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage without any intervening action or debate. I further ask that no points of order be waived by virtue of this agreement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME EN BLOC

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there are three bills at the desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4157), to promote a better health information system.

A bill (H.R. 4761), to provide for exploration, development, and production activities for mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 4890), to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide for the expedited consideration of certain proposed rescissions of budget authority, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, it is getting late. It is now after midnight, and we have a little bit more work to do. While we gather the papers for that work, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to consideration of S. Res. 556, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 556) supporting National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Week and efforts to educate people about peripheral arterial disease.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 556) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 556

Whereas peripheral arterial disease is a vascular disease that occurs when narrowed arteries reduce the blood flow to the limbs;

Whereas peripheral arterial disease is a significant vascular disease that can be as serious as a heart attack or stroke;

Whereas peripheral arterial disease affects approximately 8,000,000 to 12,000,000 Americans;

Whereas patients with peripheral arterial disease are at increased risk of heart attack and stroke and are 6 times more likely to die within 10 years than are patients without peripheral arterial disease;

Whereas the survival rate for individuals with peripheral arterial disease is worse than the outcome for many common cancers;

Whereas peripheral arterial disease is a leading cause of lower limb amputation in the United States;

Whereas many patients with peripheral arterial disease have walking impairment that leads to a diminished quality of life and functional capacity;

Whereas a majority of patients with peripheral arterial disease are asymptomatic and less than half of individuals with peripheral arterial disease are aware of their diagnoses;

Whereas African-American ethnicity is a strong and independent risk factor for peripheral arterial disease, and yet this fact is not well known to those at risk;

Whereas effective treatments are available for people with peripheral arterial disease to reduce heart attacks, strokes, and amputations and to improve quality of life;

Whereas many patients with peripheral arterial disease are still untreated with proven therapies;

Whereas there is a need for comprehensive educational efforts designed to increase awareness of peripheral arterial disease among medical professionals and the greater public in order to promote early detection and proper treatment of this disease to improve quality of life, prevent heart attacks and strokes, and save lives and limbs; and

Whereas September 18 through September 22, 2006, would be an appropriate week to observe National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Week; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Week and efforts to educate people about peripheral arterial disease;

(2) acknowledges the critical importance of peripheral arterial disease awareness to improve national cardiovascular health;

(3) supports raising awareness of the consequences of undiagnosed and untreated peripheral arterial disease and the need to seek appropriate care as a serious public health issue; and

(4) calls upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs and activities.

ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 532.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 532) encouraging adults of the United States to support, listen to, and encourage children so that they may reach their potential.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 532) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 532

Whereas research shows that spending time together as a family is critical to raising strong and resilient children;